## **REMARKS**

Claims 4-11 and 13-20 were pending in the above-identified application. Claims 4-11 and 13-16 were allowed. Claims 17-20 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1-3, 12, and 17-20 were cancelled. Accordingly, claims 4-11 and 13-16 are at issue in the above-identified application.

## 35 U.S.C. ¶ 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claims 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have cancelled claims 17-20. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all remaining claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 9, 2003

David Rozenblat

Registration No. 47,044

SONNENSCHEIN NATH & ROSENTHAL LLP

P.O. Box 061080

Wacker Drive Station, Sears Tower

Chicago, Illinois 60606-1080

(312) 876-8000

14348442